

### **REMARKS**

The present *Supplemental Amendment* supplements the *After Final Response* filed on June 30, 2010, and the *Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review* submitted herewith.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 18, 2009, and July 14, 2006.


**THIRD REQUEST:** However, the Applicant has not received acknowledgment of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 21, 2006 (received by OIPE August 23, 2006). The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 evidencing consideration of the above-referenced Information Disclosure Statement.

Claims 1-48 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 22, 23, 27, 28, 32, 33 as it depends from claims 28 and 32, 34, 38, 39, 43, 44, 46 and 48 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 33 has been amended to depend from claims 29-31. Accordingly, claims 2, 4-6, 9-11, 14-16, 19-21, 24-26, 29-31, 33, 35-37, 40-42, 45 and 47 are now pending in the present application, of which claims 2, 5, 6, 45 and 47 are independent. For the reasons set forth in the *After Final Response* filed on June 30, 2010, and the *Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review* submitted herewith, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2280.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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